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Air Mail

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Dear Mr. Tomasz:

Thank you for your very welcomed letter of January 20. I am very pleased to learn that you have succeeded in making your way to this country, after your trouble, and in establishing a new relationship. The best of success to you.

You should find your experience at the Sloan-Kettering Institute a very profitable one. Please give my best regards to Dr. Brown.

Actually I am looking forward to a somewhat greater chemical emphasis in my work in the near future. I would have made every effort to accommodate you immediately, owing to the emergency situation, but in fact a later date would be more convenient. I will be very pleased to continue to hear from you concerning your progress and future plans. Under separate cover I am mailing a set of reprints which may be of interest to you.

As I may have written to you, my colleague Professor Halvorsen was interested in the plans of your colleague Mr. Lengyel. I have told him of this letter that I just received. In addition, Vice President I. L. Baldwin of this university had also attempted to communicate with Mr. Lengyel and yourself with regard to the possibilities of coming to this university. It would be a point of some courtesy if you could communicate briefly with Dr. Baldwin yourself and tell him of your present situation.

I will be very happy to write to Professor Gyorffy, as I am especially interested in learning of his recent work. I had looked forward to meeting him at the symposium at London in March, and will be disappointed if he is unable to attend. However, it seems to me that any attempt on my part to intervene in such a matter would be at best futile and at worse directly harmful. What concretely would you suggest?

I have recently been in some correspondence with your countryman Juhasz, who is apparently still in Hungary. He has recently been working along lines somewhat similar to our own investigations. At some future time, when this becomes possible, it would be of some interest if he could visit this laboratory. Do you know anything of him?

For the present I will close by merely again wishing you the very best of success.

Yours very sincerely,

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